

# Club Single Service Entry Form

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## K-KIDS CLUB INFORMATION

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Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on the KI Web sites and in KI publications.

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## **TAKE A VET TO SCHOOL**

Jefferson School K-Kids held a very special day. They asked all of the students to "Take a Veteran to school for the day." Students were encouraged to bring a relative who had served in the armed forces. We wanted to honor them for all they have done for our country.

K-Kids decorated the gym with flags, stars and red, white and blue paper. We lined the outside front of the school with flags which was no easy task since the ground was frozen and we had to make the holes with a screwdriver so we could put the flag in it. The K-Kids lined the hallway, waving American flags and reaching out to shake the hands of the Veterans as they entered Jefferson School. We raised the money for the flags by selling candy bars and every student then was given a flag. Mrs. Noworatzky and the K-Kids worked with Tom Hoffman and the Vietnam Veterans Association to put on a wonderful program. The students were able to see the officers present the different flags from all of the branches of the military. The proper technic and reason the American Flag is folded was also shown to the students. The biggest impact on some of the students was to hear the story of the single place setting of a POW and what it meant. At the close of our presentation our second graders sang a song to say thank you to the Veterans. After the program the visiting Veterans were then escorted to classrooms. Every classroom had at least one person who was a Veteran visit with their class and answer questions. We had Veterans from every branch of the military; we even had 3 generations of Veterans in one classroom.

One parent was not able to attend but did come in and speak with the children earlier and students did have many questions for him. He discussed the different branches of military and what it meant to be a vet. He talked about the benefits of being in the military and how the military includes every type of job you could imagine. He talked about the importance of doing well in school and "behaving" yourself if you want to be in the military one day. He discussed some of what his job was and how because it was so dangerous he was left injured many times, finally forcing him to leave the job he was doing. He talked about the importance of the flag to those in military and told the kids how important it is to him and other vets to see all people pay respect to our flag.

Another classroom was visited by the classroom teacher's father. This is an account of what happened in that classroom.

Mr. John Preston, World War II Veteran, was the special guest of the first graders, in Marcia Kiel's room, at Jefferson Elementary School for, "Bring a Vet to School Day". The students were able to see a real American Hero in full uniform. He told the story of his military career in the United States Air Force.

Staff Sgt. John E. Preston enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. After completing basic training at Kessler Field, Mississippi and Lowry Field, Colorado, he was sent to March Field Riverside, California and on the Hickam Field, Hawaii. He was destined for combat in Saipan Island, from July 1944 to January 1945. He completed 40 bombing missions on the B-24 Liberator receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. He explained his missions and the meaning of his medals and badges, along with photographs of his planes and memorabilia of these years. Including his parachute, which has been made into a baptismal gown, which has been worn by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The students were especially excited about the story of when his plane was hit and the wing was on fire. Mr. Preston was ready to pull the string on his parachute, but they were able to extinguish the fire and land the plane safely.

The presentation was highlighted by Mr. Preston presenting each student with an American flag.

The K-Kids provided a great service to our school community to learn about what our war heroes did for us. The students gained an appreciation of what our men and women in the armed forces have done and continue to do for our country. This special day also offered the students the opportunity to remember, honor and thank all Veterans. A very special thank you to the Vietnam Veterans Association for a wonderful job explaining every detail to the children. Each and everyone one of them is a hero for all of us to be proud of.

We had one Veteran come in before he left and said he had two homecomings, one was the day he came back from Vietnam and the other was today. This meant just as much to him as that day did. We would like to continue this tradition with our students and our local Veterans to make this such a wonderful and meaning experience for all involved. The Veterans were honored by this day of tribute and gratitude.



## **TAKE A VET TO SCHOOL**

***Do you have a family member who is a VET?***

***Maybe a parent, sibling, uncle, aunt or grandparent. We would like to honor them. We would like to invite all Vets to join our students at Jefferson Elementary School.***

***When: Thursday, November 17, 2011***

***Time: 1:45 PM***

***Place: Jefferson Gym***

***We will assemble in the gym and then have the VETS join their students in their classrooms after a little ceremony. We would ask if they would please share a few moments of time and tell some of their experiences with the students (age appropriate of course).***



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***Please return the bottom portion to school no later than Wednesday, November 9, 2011.***



Name of VET \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of the Military \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

***THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY.***

**VETERANS DAY**

**2011**



**YOU ARE AN  
AMERICAN HERO**

11/17/2011

**On Veterans Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank ALL veterans just the same.**

**Prélude and posting of colors  
Armed Forces Medley  
Flag Presentation  
National Anthem  
POW Table Setting  
Flag Folding Demonstration  
Welcome Mrs. Metzger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Songs  
God Bless America Song  
Closing/Moment of Silence  
Visit Classrooms**

**On behalf of the Jefferson School K-Kids  
Jefferson School and Faculty**

**We would like to say**

**Thank you for serving our country**







### Take a vet to school

The Jefferson Elementary School K-Kids recently hosted a "Take a Vet to School" day, as students were encouraged to bring a relative who had served in the armed forces. The K-Kids lined the front of the building with flags that they purchased, and every student was given a flag as well. School secretary Bonnie Noworatzky and the K-Kids worked with Tom Hoffman and the Vietnam Vets Association to put on a program. Every classroom had at least one veteran visit with their class and answer questions. Vets from every branch of the military were represented, and one classroom had three generations of vets represented: World War II Air Force veteran John Preston, above, was the special guest of the first-graders in Marcia Kiel's class. He completed 40 bombing missions on the B-24 Liberator, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. Submitted

# Thankful for the U.S.A.

*Oh we are thankful for the USA  
We are thankful for the USA  
Oh we are thankful, grateful, positively joyful!  
Thankful for the USA!*

1. We are thankful as can be  
for our land of liberty.  
We are thankful, it is true.  
We love our red, white and blue!

## *Refrain*

2. We are thankful, we know why.  
We live where the eagles fly.  
We are thankful we are here.  
Everybody give a cheer! (Yeah!)

## *Refrain Refrain*

*Oh we are thankful for the USA!  
Yes we are thankful for the USA!*

*Thankful for the U-----S-----A-----! USA!*

Thank You Soldiers

1. When I lay my head down every night  
and go to sleep in peace  
I can stay there knowing all is well  
While you're standing on your feet.

2. Keeping watch protecting shore to shore  
In the air and oceans, too  
Defending freedom at all cost  
For the red, white and the blue.

*Refrain:*

*Thank you, oh thank you,  
men and women brave and strong  
To those who serve so gallantly  
We sing this grateful song.*

3. To the soldiers who have traveled on  
To countries far and near,  
In peace and war you paid the price  
For the cause you hold so dear.

4. That we may wake each morning bright  
And know that freedom rings;  
Because of your great sacrifice,  
Your country joins to sing.

Sing refrain two more times.

*JEFFERSON STUDENTS-*

*Thank you for having me at your  
Veterans Day program. It was an  
honor to serve for you!*

*SERGEANT FIRST CLASS*

*Connie Specht*

*Ret.*

